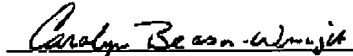


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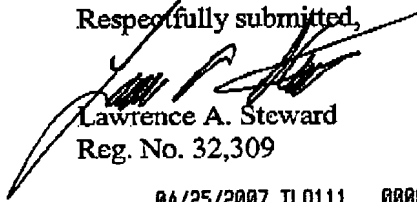
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The subscribing attorney of record hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time through and until April 24, 2007, to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 24, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fees and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in accordance with the attached transmittal.

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